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Letter dated 25 May 2010 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I would like to inform you that a vacancy of one of the three ad litem judges has occurred in the United Nations Dispute Tribunal. This vacancy occurred owing to the fact that Judge Michael Adams declined, for personal reasons, to accept the extension of his appointment for an additional year, approved by the General Assembly in its decision 64/418 of 29 March 2010. I therefore write to draw your attention to the need to appoint, on an urgent basis, an ad litem judge to fill the one-year term with the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in New York beginning on 1 July 2010.

The Internal Justice Council, which was mandated by the General Assembly, in paragraph 37 (b) of resolution 62/228, to "provide its views and recommendations to the General Assembly on two or three candidates for each [judicial] vacancy", has prepared a report identifying qualified candidates (A/64/791), which I forward for your consideration.

In this report, the Internal Justice Council sets forth two candidates for consideration for appointment as an ad litem judge of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in New York. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 64/418, the term of office of this ad litem judge would be one year, beginning on 1 July 2010.

In this connection, I would be grateful if you could present the report of the Internal Justice Council (A/64/791) to the General Assembly for its urgent consideration and action.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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